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And such afflictions he had felt,
which brought him unto poverty:
He had by Anna his true Wile,
one onely Son and she no more,
Which was the comfort of his life,
And by him did set great store.
He brought him up most vertuously,
true obedience and in awe,
every day he did apply
to fear the Lord and keep his Law.
Upon a time it came to passe,
he call'd his Son to him with spee.
And thus to him these words did frame,
my Son quoth he thou knowest my need
Thou must unto Gabael go,
to Raguels house in Media Land,
For I did lend him long agoe,
ten Talents on his onely Band.
My father dear Tobias said,
at your command straight will I go.
How shall I get the mony paid,
seeing the man I nere did know.
Take here the writings then quoth he,
which is sufficeint being seen,
And get a guide to go with thee,
since thou the way hast never been.
A guide Tobias son had got,
An Angell in the shape of man.
Which thing he did not know God Wot,
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Tobias with his blessed guide,
went on his journey then with speed,
untill they came to Tygris stre,
At the fair flood they did abide:

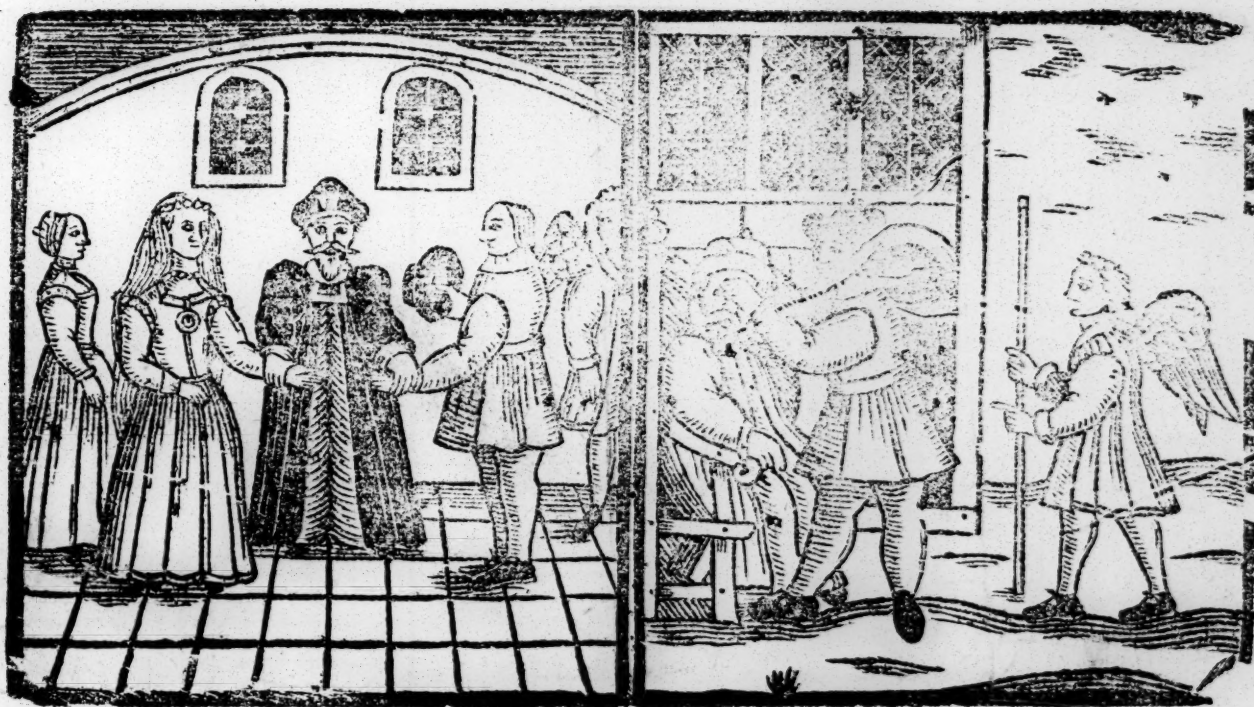
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A mighty fish put him in fear,
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Cut up the fish the Angell said,
and keep the Liver heart and gall,
To do the same be not afraid,
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When this was done away they went,
and coming nêr their journey's end,
Where'll lodge to night the Angell said,
with Raguel thy fathers friend.
He hath a Daughter fair of face,
and also of a vertuous life,
And when we come unto that place,
Ile speak that she may be thy wife,
Why Azarius thou dost he,
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I wis she is no Wile for me,
swift death doth all her Lovers kill.
Seven men to her have married been,
which in her love did take delight:
When her bed chamber they had seen,
they have not lived half the night,
A wicked Spirit loves her so,
he will not suffer any man,
With her into the bed to go,
but works his death do what he can:
The Angell said god courage take,
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To Raguels home away they run,
where Sara met them fair and bright,
And after Salutations done
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Great cheer they made & down they
 & al for yong Tobias sake (late
 And after long and pleasant chat,
 betwixt these two a match they make.
 By Moses Law they married were,
 the bride bed chamber prepar'd likewise
 When yong Tobias came in there
 the tears fell down from Sara's eyes.
 A pan of coles he brought with him,
 the fishes heart and liver there,
 Within the fire he did cast in,
 which cast a savor every where,
 And by that sweet and pretious smell,
 the Wicked Spirit was displac't,
 Within that room he could not dwell,
 Where out a way he went in hast,
 In bed they laid this beauntious bride,
 the chamber dow they shut therefore,
 Young Toby lay down by her side,
 whom he did think to see no more.
 And therefore Raguel in the night,
 for him before had made a grave,
 And to his Wife he wept and said,
 there is no means his life to save,
 One of the Maidens send quoth he,
 to see how all the matter stands
 And if it be so that dead he be,
 he shall be buried by my hands.
 This maiden sorrowfull news did bring,
 Tobias is alive quoth she,
 When Raguel heard then of this thing,
 he did rejoyce exceedingly,
 For joy he made a solemn feast,
 the bridal fourteen daves he kept,
 Thereto came many a friendly guest,
 in sorrow now no more they slept.

Azarias went straightway,
 unto the feast Gabriel brought,
 Rejoycing at his marriage day,
 to pay the mony that he ought.
 But yet old Toby and his Wife
 did all the time in so; old dwell,
 They thought their Son had lost his life,
 and nothing could their grief expell.
 His Aged mother every day,
 did watch the high-way side,
 And for his Welfare oft did pray,
 no meat nor drink he could abide.
 But when the Wedding ended was,
 yong Toby with his lovely Wife,
 To Ninive did home wards passe,
 with goods and Cattell on each side.
 But Toby and the Angell byight
 before his Wife made hast to go,
 for to prepare all things aright,
 his lovely bride to welcome ho,
 His mother watching in the way,
 full soon esp'd her tender son,
 Rejoycing at that happy day.
 She told her husband he was come,
 Whereat old Toby stumbled out,
 for he was blind and could not see,
 Young Toby with the fishes gill,
 rub'd both his eyes immediately.
 Whereat the Whitenesse of his eye,
 incontinent did fall out quite,
 So that before he did arise,
 he had again his perfect sight.
 Great joy there was on every side,
 yong Toby told his father all,
 Who went to meet his lovely bride,
 With joy and mirth that was not small